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SUBJ: SHAH ON ENERGY MATTERS

1. AT AUDIENCE MORNING JULY 5, SHAH CLEARLY HAD NO INTENTION OF SAYING ANY MORE ABOUT OIL PRICE INCREASES IN SEPTEMBER THAN HE HAS ALREADY SAID TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON AND IN VARIOUS PUBLIC INTERVIEWS, MOST RECENTLY WITH RADIO FRANCE. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS WELL-KNOWN VIEWS THAT THE PRICE OF OIL SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY. HE REPEATED SEVERAL OF THE POINTS THAT HE HAD MADE LAST WEEK IN HIS RATHER FULL PRESENTATION TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ON THIS SUBJECT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SAUDIS AND IRANIANS ARE GENERALLY AGREED ABOUT OIL MATTERS AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME NOW.

HE POINTEDLY OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS WEEK BETWEEN YAMANI AND AMOUZEGAR WHO WERE SEEN IN ANIMATED CONVERSATION AT CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S OPEN-AIR RECEPTION WEDNESDAY EVENING.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT, THE SHAH REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, I.E., THAT IRAN IS STILL INTERESTED IN BUYING A SHARE IN THE PRIVATE UEA. HE ADDED THAT IRAN HAD BOUGHT INTO FRENCH PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, HAD ALREADY MADE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A GOOD DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA FOR URANIUM, AND WOULD GO ALONG

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WITH AUSTRALIA ON URANIUM IF THEY WERE ABLE TO

WORK SOMETHING OUT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED
IN SUPPORTING FINANCIALLY ANY FAST BREEDER TECHNOLOGY WHICH
THE UNITED STATES MIGHT DEVELOP.
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